

Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission

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DECISION

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Final Rule: Chapter 61 - State Parks and Recreation Areas

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The Department requests Commission approval for amendment to Chapter 61 “State Parks and Recreation Areas”. Notice of Intended Action was approved by the Commission on January 8, 2009. The amendment updates the camping fee breakdown to accommodate the 6% sales tax rate, raises the camping cabin fee at Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area, establishes new cabin fees and establishes minimum stay requirements for multifamily cabins. Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Code Bulletin on January 28, 2009, as ARC 7539B. A public hearing was held on February 17, 2009, at the Wallace State Office Building in Des Moines. No written or oral comments were received.

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Attachment(s): Chapter 61 - State Parks and Recreation Areas: Final Rule

**NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]**

**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby amends Chapter 61, “State Parks and Recreation Areas,” Iowa Administrative Code..

The proposed amendments update the camping fee breakdown to accommodate the state sales tax increase to 6 percent (no fee increase); establish new cabin rental fees for new cabins which are under construction at Pine Lake, Nine Eagles and Springbrook State Parks; and increase the camping cabin fee at Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area to the same fee as other state park camping cabins. The amendments also establish minimum stay requirements for the multifamily cabins, including a two-night minimum stay requirement throughout the year, a Friday/Saturday stay requirement for the summer season weekends and a three-night stay requirement for Memorial Day weekend, Fourth of July weekend, and Labor Day weekend.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 7539B** on January 28, 2009. A public hearing was held at the Wallace State Office Building on February 17, 2009. No comments were received at the public hearing or otherwise. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 461A.3, 461A.47, and 461A.57.

These amendments will become effective May 13, 2009.

The following amendments are adopted.

**ITEM 1.** Amend subrule 61.4(1) as follows:

**61.4(1) Fees.** The following are maximum per-night fees for camping in state parks and recreation areas. The fees may be reduced or waived by the director for special events or special promotional efforts sponsored by the department of natural resources. Special events or promotional efforts shall be conducted so as to give all park facility users equal opportunity to take advantage of reduced or waived fees. Reductions or waivers shall be on a statewide basis covering like facilities. In the case of promotional events, prizes shall be awarded by random drawing of registrations made available to all park visitors during the event. In areas subject to a local option sales tax, the camping fee shall be administratively adjusted so that persons camping in those areas will pay the same total cost applicable in other areas.

	Fee	Sales Tax	Total Per Night
a. The following fees shall be in effect from May 1 to September 30 each year.			
Nonmodern	\$ <del>8.57</del> <u>8.49</u>	<del>.43</del> <u>.51</u>	\$ 9.00
Modern	<del>10.48</del> <u>10.38</u>	<del>.52</del> <u>.62</u>	11.00
b. The following fees shall be in effect from October 1 to April 30 each year.			
Nonmodern	<del>5.71</del> <u>5.66</u>	<del>.29</del> <u>.34</u>	6.00
Modern	<del>7.62</del> <u>7.55</u>	<del>.38</del> <u>.45</u>	8.00
c. Electricity	<del>4.76</del> <u>4.72</u>	<del>.24</del> <u>.28</u>	5.00
This fee will be charged in addition to the camping fee on sites where electricity is available (whether it is used or not).			
d. Organized youth group campsite, per group	<del>14.29</del> <u>14.15</u>	<del>.71</del> <u>.85</u>	15.00
e. Cable television hookup	<del>1.90</del> <u>1.89</u>	<del>.10</del> <u>.11</u>	2.00
f. Sewer and water hookup	<del>2.85</del> <u>2.83</u>	<del>.15</del> <u>.17</u>	3.00
g. Additional fee for campgrounds designated for equestrian use	<del>2.85</del> <u>2.83</u>	<del>.15</del> <u>.17</u>	3.00
This fee is in addition to applicable fees listed above.			
h. Camping tickets (per book of seven)	<del>86.67</del> <u>85.85</u>	<del>4.33</del> <u>5.15</u>	91.00

Camping tickets shall be valid for one year from the month of purchase. Persons using valid camping tickets purchased prior to any fee increase will not be required to pay the difference due to that fee increase.

**ITEM 2.** Amend paragraph 61.5(1)“a” as follows:

a. Cabin rental. This fee does not include tax. Tax will be calculated at time of final payment.

	Per Night*	Per Week
Backbone State Park, Delaware County		
Renovated modern cabins	\$ 50	\$300
Two-bedroom modern cabins	85	510
Deluxe cabins	100	600
Black Hawk State Park, Sac County	100	600
Dolliver Memorial State Park, Webster County	35	210
Green Valley State Park, Union County	35	210
Honey Creek State Park, Appanoose County	35	210
Lacey-Keosauqua State Park, Van Buren County	50	300
Lake Darling State Park, Washington County	35	210
Lake of Three Fires State Park, Taylor County	50	300
Lake Wapello State Park, Davis County (Cabin Nos. 1-12)	60	360
Lake Wapello State Park, Davis County (Cabin No. 13)	85	510
Lake Wapello State Park, Davis County (Cabin No. 14)	75	450
<u>Nine Eagles State Park, Decatur County</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>450</u>
Palisades-Kepler State Park, Linn County	50	300
Pine Lake State Park, Hardin County		
<u>Multifamily cabin</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>1200</u>
Studio cabins (four-person occupancy limit)	65	390
One-bedroom cabins	75	450
Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area, Linn County	<del>25</del> <u>35</u>	<del>150</del> <u>210</u>
Prairie Rose State Park, Shelby County	35	210
Springbrook State Park, Guthrie County	<del>35</del> <u>200</u>	<del>210</del> <u>1200</u>
Stone State Park, Woodbury County	35	210
Waubonsie State Park, Fremont County		
Two-bedroom modern cabins	85	510

	Per Night*	Per Week
One-bedroom modern <del>cabin</del> <u>cabins</u>	60	360
Two-bedroom camping cabins	50	300
One-bedroom camping <del>cabin</del> <u>cabins</u>	35	210
Camping cabin	25	150
Wilson Island State Recreation Area, Pottawattamie County	25	150
Extra cots, where available	1	

\*Minimum two nights

**ITEM 3.** Amend paragraph 61.5(3)“b” as follows:

b. Rental stay requirements for cabins and yurts.

(1) Except as provided in ~~subparagraph~~ subparagraphs 61.5(3)“b”(2) and 61.5(3)“b”(3), cabin reservations must be for a minimum of one week (Friday p.m. to Friday a.m.) beginning the Friday of the national Memorial Day holiday weekend through Thursday after the national Labor Day holiday. From the Friday after the national Labor Day holiday through the Thursday before the national Memorial Day holiday weekend, cabins may be reserved for a minimum of two nights.

(2) The cabins at Dolliver Memorial State Park; the camping cabins at ~~Brushy Creek~~, Pleasant Creek and Wilson Island State Recreation Areas and Green Valley, Honey Creek, Lake Darling and Stone State Parks; the yurts at McIntosh Woods State Park; and the group camps at Dolliver Memorial and Lake Keomah State Parks may be reserved for a minimum of two nights throughout the entire rental season.

(3) The multifamily cabins at Pine Lake and Springbrook State Parks may be reserved for a minimum of two nights throughout the entire rental season with the following exceptions:

1. From the Friday of the national Memorial Day holiday weekend through the Thursday after the national Labor Day holiday, a Friday and Saturday night stay is required for weekends.

2. A Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night stay is required for the national Memorial Day holiday and national Labor Day holiday weekends.

3. A Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night stay is required for the Fourth of July holiday if the Fourth of July occurs on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

4. A Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night stay is required for the Fourth of July holiday if the Fourth of July occurs on a Monday.

~~(3)~~ (4) All unreserved cabins, yurts and group camps may be rented for a minimum of two nights on a walk-in, first-come, first-served basis. No walk-in rentals will be permitted after 6 p.m.

~~(4)~~ (5) Reservations or walk-in rentals for more than a two-week stay will not be accepted for any facility.

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